# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship, and service to others.

Come share the joy!

#### Our Pastor

Rev. Martin Moore martinmoore55@gmail.com

#### Parish Administrator

Amanda Taylor amandataylor@oslctyler.org

# Organist/Keyboardist

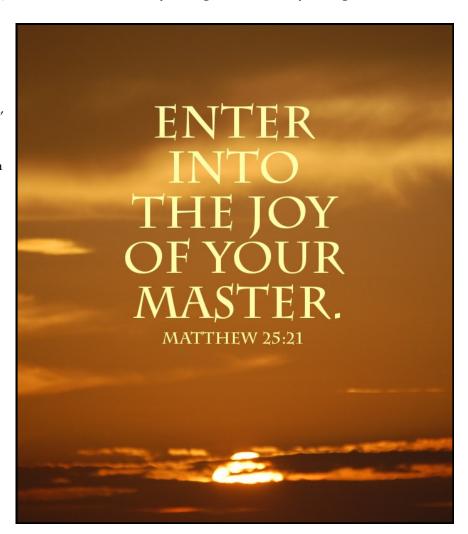
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Year A November 19, 2023 • 10:00 A.M.



# Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone. Pastor Martin Moore: 979-551-6222 • martinmoore55@gmail.com
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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

# Welcome and Family News

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the yellow card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

# **GATHERING**

# **ENTRANCE HYMN** ~ "IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All-in-all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

#### WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross & may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the ♥ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. CAmen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- <sup>C</sup> We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen

#### **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C **And also with you.** 

### KYRIE

- A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
- <sup>A</sup> For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- <sup>C</sup> Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
- <sup>A</sup> For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**
- <sup>A</sup>Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

# **HYMN OF PRAISE** ~ "THIS IS THE FEAST" (LBW P. 81)

- This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
- Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.
- This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

- Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
- Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
- This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
- P Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. CAmen

Please be seated

# **WORD**

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7-16

R This is the Word of the Lord! C Thanks be to God!

# PSALM 90:1-12

- <sup>R1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- C2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- R3 You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- <sup>C 4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.
- R5 You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- <sup>C 6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
- R7 For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

- C8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- R9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- <sup>C 10</sup> The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- <sup>R 11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- C 12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**SECOND READING:** 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

R This is the Word of the Lord! C Thanks be to God!

**Feeding Our Little Lambs** ("This is the Day")

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ "THY WORD"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. ... and a light unto my path.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

<sup>P</sup> The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter. <sup>C</sup> Glory to you, O Lord.

MATTHEW 25:14-30

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please he seated

# SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

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God does all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. - Martin Luther - Explanation to the Third Article of the Creed

*Please stand (in body or in spirit)* 

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING" (LBW #527) Vss. 1,5,6&7

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam And silver moon with softer gleam:

And silver moon with sof Chorus:

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O ev'ryone of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! All you who pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and lay on him your care. Chorus And you, most kind and gentle death, Waiting to hush our final breath, Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! You lead to heav'n the child of God, Where Christ our lord the way has trod. Chorus

Let all things their Creator bless And worship God in humbleness. Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One, Chorus

#### APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

#### THE PRAYERS

<sup>P</sup> Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers the congregation responds... Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen

Please be seated

#### "I OFFER MY LIFE"

All that I am, all that I have I lay them down before You, O Lord; All of my hopes, all of my plans, my heart and my hands are lifted to You. lifting my praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice, Lord, I offer You my life.

#### Chorus:

Lord, I offer my life to You, everything I've been through, use it for Your glory, Lord, I offer my days to You, What can we give that You have not given; And what do we have that is not already Yours?

All we possess are these lives we're living, and that's what we give to You, Lord.

Chorus

#### POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

<sup>C</sup> We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please remain standing

## THE HOLY MEAL

# PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **And also with you.** 

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

P The Lord be with you.

<sup>C</sup> And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

<sup>C</sup> We lift them up to the Lord.

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- PIt is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of ever-lasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### SANCTUS

<sup>C</sup> Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- <sup>P</sup> Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- <sup>P</sup>Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- <sup>C</sup> Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- <sup>C</sup> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

#### LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

# **Distribution & Communion Hymns**

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

#### Chorus:

I am the Bread of Life
All who eat this Bread will never die
I am God's love revealed
I am broken that you might be healed

All who eat of this heavenly Bread All who drink this cup of the covenant You will live forever For I will raise you up Chorus No one who comes to Me shall ever hunger again No one who believes shall ever thirst All that the Father draws shall come to Me

And I will give them rest

# "JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE"

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long

As I walk, let me walk, close to thee.

Chorus:

Just a closer walk with thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be. Thru this world of toil and snares,

If I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares?

None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Chorus

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Chorus

"Come, You Thankful People, Come" (LBW #407) Vss. 1&4

Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin. God our maker does provide For our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
To your final harvest home.
Gather all your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In your garner to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

# COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C Amen

**CANTICLE** ~ "SONG OF SIMEON"

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the Salvation,
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.
A light to reveal you to the Nations,
And the glory of your people, Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

#### **PRAYER**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen

## **SENDING**

#### **BENEDICTION** $\sim P.94 LBW$

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ♣ Son, and Holy Spirit. CAmen

SENDING HYMN ~ "O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN" (LBW #459) Vss. 1&3

O Holy Spirit, enter in, and in our hearts your work begin, your dwelling place now make us. Sun of the soul, O Light divine, around and in us brightly shine, to joy and gladness wake us that we may be truly living, to you giving prayer unceasing and in love be still increasing.

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#### DISMISSAL

<sup>P</sup>The Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus' name. <sup>C</sup> **Thanks be to God.** 

## POSTLUDE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- No Sunday School next week (11/26/23).
- We send out our News Letter on Tuesday mornings and our Prayer List on Wednesday afternoons. If you are not receiving these, please let Amanda know, so she can add you to the list.
- We would like to use our bells and chimes for this year's Christmas presentation.
   If anyone would like to help with instructing the children on how to play these instruments, please call Carmen Nazario at 972-533-9935.

# **Our Worship Servants This Morning:**

Greeters: Cliff & Sally Dengerud

Acolytes: Charles & Caedmon Cumming Ushers: Robert & Nicholas Henriksen

Cantor: Blaine Davis Reader: Roger Stai

Communion Assistants: Alan & Sarah Cumming, Courtney Henriksen

Projectionist: Toby Fite

# Upcoming Activities at OSLC

(November 20-26th)

Tuesday: Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Spin Class 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: **Thanksgiving Day!**Saturday: Altar Guild Team #4

Sunday: Christ The King

Choir Practice 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

# Stewardship

# November 12, 2023

Monthly Budget	\$ 25,245	Attendance Last Week	100
Prior November Offerings	\$ 4,094	2023 Average Attendance	106
Offerings on November 12th Other Weekly Offerings Total Weekly Offerings	\$ 6,479 \$ 1,925 \$ 8,404		
Total November Offerings	\$ 12,498		
2023 Offerings to Date	\$273,276		